THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Railways have been constructing walls on their land all over the country to prevent trespass into all of their assets like lands, tracks, yards, railway stations, housing colonies, and other establishments etc. laying across the length and breadth of the country. It may not be possible to provide the specific data regarding all the walls constructed so far. However, approximately 1094 kilometres of boundary walls have been constructed in the recent past in all the States.

(c) The contracts for construction of walls are awarded by open bidding process largely.

(d) Does not arise.

Budgetary allocation for the projects of Tamil Nadu

2684. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total budgetary allocation for the new project and existing projects for the State of Tamil Nadu for the years 1999—2004, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the total kilometre of double track laid in the above said periods, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) by when the proposal for double track between Chennai to Kanyakumari would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) This work is not sanctioned and as such, time frame is not feasible to be given.

Electrification of Railway lines

2685. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether electrification of rail lines in the country is way behind the schedule;